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The Mormon Tabernacle at Salt Lake City Utah reflects a significant

When it comes to the one and only true religion of Christianity, we need to be truth detectors. Not only see for the infiltration of the false religion of the outside world, but the false religion that can develop in our hearts and minds. So how to we gauge the true and the false of religions? I believe we can see and discern between the true by what is being given in our text. I believe this is exactly what Jesus is setting forth in our text. Every Christian can discern between true religion and false religion by applying the three truths found in our text.

I. A False Expectation (35-37)

True religion has everything to do w/ truth and in all the world there is only one person that embodies the

Jesus is not Johnny come lately truth all scripture

A. A Scriptural Truth - To set the scene of a false expectation note the question of Jesus: Vs 35. Note: Jesus validates the human person but validates the H.G. inspiration of Scripture. Quoted P 110:1 The Lord (Sehorah) said unto my Lord (Adonai)...

Jesus whole argument is that David would never call his offspring ^{Lord} if there were just mere human offspring. How could messiah be of the seed of David and merit the name of God. The incarnation! The application to steer us clear of false expectations is the Scripture.

B. A Sritical Twist - What is Jesus aiming at. To us it may be a little ^{un} clear. The mind set of the scribes, the people and for that matter the disciples is, that messiah would be a strong warrior King like unto David, that would overthrow the Roman rule and set up an earthly everlasting Kingdom. Jesus is saying, messiah is not coming like you expected him to. His not coming to bring God to men. He coming to bring men to God. World is looking for a man. Cults look to a man, for a man. Church looks to a man.

II. A Phony Exercise (Vs 38-40)

One of my favorite messages by a friend of mine is called "You might be a pharisee if..." Using a similar passage takes the description of a pharisee by Jesus an

1) ...a significant truth about this deceptive religion. When the initial band of Mormons set out to construct a tabernacle, they were disheartened to find that their favorite materials from their homelands of Missouri and Illinois, marble and oak, were not readily available in the valley of the great Salt Lake. The only resource of abundance was pine. The industrious Mormons used the pine wood but added their own special touch. They utilized expert craftsmanship to paint the pine columns to look like marble and artistically converted the pine panels to appear as though oak. To the human eye their cover up is most impressive. Yet, when one closely examines this material impersonation the truth becomes known. This physical illusion in the Mormon Church is indicative of what they also portray in the spiritual realm. They claim to believe in Jesus Christ but, like the "marble and oak," it's just another facade.

1) ...them to seek the most lofty of positions. Apply

2) look far for those religion charlatans that will use what every religions manipulation to pull a dime out of a Grandmother.

3) ...shall receive a sentence in excess of that which falls to the lot of the dishonest man who makes no pretense to piety; to the sentence of the robber will be added in their case the sentence on the hypocrite."

and made appear. False religion is characterized by scribbles + Pharisees.
A. Outward Pretense - The long clothing refers to the long flowing outward robe that indicates a man of honor or stature. Never get in ~~huss~~^{read road}, never work in such garments. Greetings to the scribbles in public "Rabbi" = "My Great One" The nobility fed their eggs. Ditches on both sides of

B. Upward Position - The chief seats were those seats in front of the ark, facing the admiring congregation no one could miss them. Sitting at the table at feasts the first place to right of host is most honored the left, then right. Their pride drove them to seek

C. Inward Pretense - These leagle experts showed their inward pretenses as they would use leagle stranglings to steal money from widows. & then claim they would offer ~~long~~ ^{long} prayers not offered to God but alterior motives. Don't have to do

D. Outward Punishment - This verse indicates a greater degree of punishment for those who are included in such a false religion. "Men who rob widows and use ~~prayer as a means of securing opportunities~~ ^{opportunities} for committing a crime, shall

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III. A Faithful Example (41-44)
Now finally we see a faithful example of true religion in the lonely widow woman.

A. The Lord's Sight - In the court of Widow were 13 trumpet shaped chests where people dropped in their offerings. Jesus was watching as people come by and gave. Do you realize that Jesus is watching not only what we give but how we live? You may not judge your own religion, but he does. He sees not only what you see but what

B. The Lady's Sacrifice - We see then Jesus eyes the rich that cast in. Change to many coins, than money at coffers he mak loud sound. See this woman, Jesus saw so much of her. The loss of husband, the condition of her life, the sneeze and she gave. Vs 44
She cast in of her want is Wise! It is not the portion, but the proportion that is important.

C. The Lesson Signified - It is an important lesson in true religion. Vs 43. All of the hundreds of thousands of money cast in treasury did not compare to the lady, not even a wheel penny she gave. 3 Mr 9:41. A tired medical school student selling books was given a cold glass of milk by young man on a hot summer day. Years later

D. Close - In true religion it is not important that we be admired and revered by man but that we lead lives that to the outward eye may not be significant but to the eyes of a heavenly Father are pure presence.

- 1) ...but what you hold back.
- 2) ...important, the rich gave out of their abundance, but the poor widow gave all that she had."
- 3) Mark 9:41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.
- 4) ...that woman was facing a dangerous and expensive surgery at Johnshopkins university. After the surgery was a success and the medical bill came to the woman, it read, paid in full by a glass of cold milk!